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## Former general visits Hurlburt Field to discuss Special Ops progression

By Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis  
Public Affairs

The former commander of the Joint Force Air Component during the Operation Desert Storm air campaign against Iraq visited the 14th Weapons Squadron Aug. 26 to fulfill the squadron's school curriculum and discuss issues concerning air superiority and the assimilation of Special Operations forces.

Retired Gen. Charles Horner, who was responsible for molding the "diverse coalition air forces into a single statement of air superiority," discussed the integration of Air Force and Army Special Operations Forces, importance of SOF in ground operations and difficulties in maintaining quantity versus quality-based forces.

"The first time Air Force SOF and Army SOF were integrated was during Desert Storm," General Horner said. "Because the concept was so new, the Army and Air Force Special Operations didn't get along because they didn't trust each other.

"Make sure you don't let those walls build up," he said. "Secrecy gets between you and using the force the proper way. You can't operate in a joint environment without trust. We're all in this war together."

Emphasizing the importance of communication to a further extent, General Horner explained that joint SOF must have access to all information necessary

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Courtesy graphic

This artist rendition shows how the completed 505th Training Squadron facility will look when completed in 2006. Base officials held a groundbreaking ceremony marking the first phase of the \$38 million construction project, which will also include a separate facility for the 505th Training Group.

## 505th breaks ground to meet training requirements

By Airman 1st Class Heidi Davis  
Public Affairs

The 505th Command and Control Wing held a groundbreaking ceremony Monday for the 505th Training Squadron's Air and Space Operations Center Formal Training Unit and the 505th Training Group facility, scheduled to be completed in mid 2006.

The ceremony marks the beginning of Phase I of a two-phased wing military construction program, which will provide a two-story, 61,700-square foot AOC Formal Training Unit facility and a two-story, 20,000-square foot Systems Facility to house the 505th TRG, 505th Communications Squadron and 705th Training Squadron.

"A groundbreaking ceremony is always a time of optimism and anticipation," said Capt. Richard Evans, 505 TRS. "It's a time to look forward to the day when the building we're breaking ground for today will be

completed and functioning to house the operations of this busy wing."

According to Lt. Col. T. Beagle, 505th TRS commander, the project will consolidate several facilities, currently being used for training, under one roof.

"It's a huge step forward for us, as we bring all the pieces together," he said.

The project, which has been planned for more than six years, was placed on the top of the fiscal year 2004 Air Combat Command MILCON priorities by Gen. Hal Hornburg, Air Combat Command commander, because of the "ever-increasing CCW mission," said Captain Evans.

Currently, the FTU trains 1,600 system students each year. With the new facility, the school's training capacity will increase to approximately 1,800 annually, Colonel Beagle said.

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**Friday** – Isolated storms, High 88 Low 71

**Saturday** – Partly cloudy, High 89 Low 71

**Sunday** – Partly cloudy, High 90 Low 71

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**Col. O.G. Mannon**

## Motorcycle gear

**Comment:** On two separate occasions I was permitted to ride my motorcycle onto Hurlburt Field wearing a helmet, jeans, shoes, socks and a T-shirt. However one day, when time was important, I was turned away for not wearing long sleeves and gloves. I'm certain that day the gate guard did his job and that on the two previous occasions they had not.

Please state what motorcyclists must wear and why the Air Force and/or Department of Defense refuse to make a consistent policy regarding the use of safety vests. For example, to ride at Hurlburt Field you don't need one, but at Eglin Air Force Base you do.

**Response:** You're absolutely correct. The gate guards should be consistent while enforcing standards. Please keep in mind that time of day, traffic congestion, weather conditions and heat stress along with a host of many other factors, might distract the guard enough to miss a call now and then. The wing safety staff will make certain that a copy of the requirements are posted at each guard shack for their use as needed. The AFI 91-207, The U.S. Air Force Traffic Safety Program vest policy mirrors the DOD instruction policy. However, a few years back, Hurlburt Field allowed the use of a reflective belt worn bandoleer style as

an acceptable alternative to the vest. As a note of interest, the requirement to wear a brightly colored or contrasting vest or jacket as an outer garment during the day and reflective at night has been removed from the draft version of AFI 91-207. The draft version still has to be approved by DOD. This change, if implemented, will eliminate confusion throughout the Air Force. Until the proposed changes are approved/disapproved, the motorcycle PPE requirements apply.

All riders and passengers on any DOD installation must wear the following:

- An approved helmet. Helmets must meet, as a minimum, Department of Transportation standards and be properly worn and fastened. Helmets may also meet other standards such as the Snell Memorial.

- Full-fingered gloves

- Long sleeved shirt or jacket

- Long trousers

- A brightly colored or contrasting vest or jacket as an outer garment during the day and reflective at night. A reflective belt worn bandoleer style is an acceptable replacement for a bright color or contrasting vest or jacket during the day and reflective at night.

- Sturdy footwear. Leather boots or over the ankle shoes are acceptable. Sandals and low quarter sneakers aren't acceptable.

# Step out safely this Labor Day weekend

By Col. O.G. Mannon  
16th SOW commander

The upcoming Labor Day weekend offers the last holiday of the summer season. It also marks two other important events: the end of 101 critical days of summer and the start of school.

Labor Day is typically one of the busiest summer holidays, and those who haven't taken a vacation this summer will see this as their last chance.

This means the interstates and highways will probably be crowded with motorists trying to get to their location in time. The local beaches will also be very crowded.

Personal risk management is the key to a safe Labor Day weekend while still having fun. If you're driving to and from your vacation destination, plan your trip to allow yourself plenty of driving time. Ensure your vehicle's tires, brakes, and lights are in good condition. A flashlight, blankets, and first-aid kit are recommended in case an emergency arises.

If possible, change drivers often or don't hesitate to pull over at a rest area to take a nap if needed. Falling

asleep at the wheel consistently ranks high among causes in fatal crashes.

Remember speed limits are set for the maximum speed allowed for driving during optimum conditions. If it's raining, you should slow down and drive only as fast as the conditions will safely allow.

If you're involved in a crash, your survival may depend on whether you were wearing a seatbelt, which is mandatory for active-duty personnel, and it's the Florida law. More importantly, it can be the difference between only minor injuries and serious or fatal injuries.

Drinking and driving also increases the chances of being involved in an accident. The Florida Highway Patrol estimates three in every 10 drivers will be impaired during the holiday weekend – drive defensively!

If your plans include alcohol, it's imperative that you use a designated driver. All units on Hurlburt Field have a designated driver plan. A designated driver may keep you from seriously injuring yourself and others.

Over the weekend, the Gulf of Mexico and the Sound will most likely be crowded with every type of watercraft imaginable. The Florida

Marine Patrol and Coast Guard will be out enforcing boating laws. So, if your plans include boating, ensure the operator doesn't drink alcohol. Boating-while-intoxicated laws are strictly enforced locally.

With the increase of wave runners in the waters, chances of an accident also increases. These collisions usually mean serious or fatal injuries to the wave runner operator. Water activities are a lot of fun and can be safely enjoyed by using sound risk management principles.

The 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign ends at midnight on Labor Day. Fortunately, Hurlburt Field hasn't experienced a single fatality during the 101 critical days during the past two years. Air Force wide there have been 26 fatalities through Aug. 27, compared to 37 total during the 101 critical days in 2003. Private motor vehicle mishaps lead all other categories with 20 of the 26 this year and 32 of the 37 in 2003. Of the 26 fatalities this year, 23 of the 26 were off duty.

Don't become a statistic this weekend. Use proper judgment to ensure you and your family enjoy the summer ending holiday.

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## DUI Tracker

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**This year: 27**

**DUIs for 2003: 54**

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**16th OG....31**

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# Remembering prisoners of war, those missing in action

By Wade Scrogham  
16th SOW History office

Retired Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Paul Wesley Airey is perhaps best known as the first individual to hold the Air Force's highest NCO position in 1967. More than twenty years later, the Air Force honored Chief Airey with another first by making him the initial recipient of the Air Force's prisoner-of-war medal.

On July 8, 1944, at 6:33 a.m., recently promoted Tech. Sgt. Airey and his B-24 crewmates departed Foggia, Italy on a mission to bomb an Axis oil refinery on the outskirts of Vienna, Austria. While over the target area, the formation encountered roughly 30 enemy aircraft and heavy anti-aircraft artillery fire. The crew succeeded in dropping their ordinance on target at 10:40 a.m., but successive flak hits crippled the aircraft just after bombs away.

With two engines smoking and a third losing oil pressure, Sergeant Airey received the bail out order at 11 a.m. near Papa, Hungary. Abandoning the doomed bomber through the camera hatch at 18,000 feet, Sergeant Airey quickly destroyed sensitive radio codes which he kept in his leg pocket and then lit a cigarette as he drifted to the ground below.

Hostile farmers captured Sergeant Airey as soon as he landed and assaulted him until Hungarian Axis forces arrived to take him into custody as a POW. After being held in a Budapest government prison for a short time, the Hungarians turned Sergeant Airey and his crew over to the German Luftwaffe.

Sergeant Airey eventually joined several thousand allied servicemen at Stalag Luft IV, a POW camp near the Baltic Sea. As the Allies advanced

into Germany in February 1945, the Nazi regime decided to consolidate POWs, and forced the prisoners of Stalag Luft IV to march nearly four hundred miles over ninety days to another complex, Stalag 11B, near the German capital of Berlin. British forces eventually liberated Sergeant Airey and the other prisoners on May 2, 1945.

The Air Force POW Medal was authorized by Congress and signed into law by President Reagan in 1986. It's awarded to any person taken prisoner or held captive while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States; while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing Armed Force; or while serving with friendly forces engaged in armed conflict against an opposing Armed Force with which the U.S. isn't a belligerent party. The person's conduct, while in captivity, must have been honorable.

Retired Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Paul Airey received the first of these medals July 20, 1988.

Like Chief Airey, the country recognizes POWs and persons missing in action each year the third Friday in September. National POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremonies are now held throughout the nation and around the world on military installations, ships at sea, state capitols, at schools, churches, national veteran and civic organizations, police and fire departments, fire stations, etc.

The League's POW/MIA flag is also flown on the remembrance day, with the focus to ensure that America remembers its responsibility to stand behind those who serve our nation and do everything possible to account for those who don't return.

For more information, about POW/MIA day, visit [www.dtic.mil/dpmo/powday/index.htm](http://www.dtic.mil/dpmo/powday/index.htm).

## AF history trivia

*In celebration of the Air Force's 57th anniversary, the Commando newspaper is featuring historical trivia questions through Sept. 10. A winner will be selected from each issue, who correctly answers all five questions and e-mails answers to [commando@hurlburt.af.mil](mailto:commando@hurlburt.af.mil). Winners will be awarded \$10 in Marlin money, which can be used as cash at most 16th Services Squadron facilities. The 16th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs office will notify the winners, who can pick up their Marlin money at the office, Building 90210.*

■Who was the first Air Force Chief of Staff?

■On June 26, 1948, U.S. Air Force C-47s began carrying food, coal and other essential materials into Soviet-blockaded Berlin. Commonly referred to as the "Berlin Airlift." What was the operation's official name?

■In what year did the U.S. Air Force adopt the blue uniform?

■Who was the Air Force's first jet-versus-jet Ace?

■In what year did the Air Force redesignate the grades of private 1st class, corporal and buck sergeant as airman third class, airman 2nd class and airman 1st class?

*The winner for the Aug. 27 issue was Staff Sgt. Alan Jackson, 16th Component Maintenance Squadron. Last week's answers in the order questions appeared were: Robert Crawford, Lt. Boyd "Buzz" Wagner, Actor Clark Gable, the National Security Act of 1947 and W. Stuart Symington.*

## New workout room allows parents to keep eyes on tots

By Karen DeCarlo  
16th Services Squadron

Physical fitness options can be challenging when parents are caring for young children, particularly in one-parent households.

In response to customer feedback, the 16th Services Squadron recently opened a parent and toddler room at the Commando Fitness Center. The new fitness room gives parents a place to workout and supervise their children during the normal operation hours of 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

The newly-renovated room is divided by a low-level wall and a latched gate, with exercise equipment on one side and the children's play area on the other side. Equipment includes two treadmills, two cross trainers and two stationery bikes, with a television strategically placed in a corner for easy viewing from each machine.

With the equipment facing the children's play area, parents can get a car-



Photo by Karen DeCarlo

**Cathy Dwyer (left), wife of Capt. Richard Dwyer, Air Force Special Operations Command, and Paula Shepherd, wife of Senior Airman Jeremy Shepherd, 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, watch their children, while working out.**

deployed active-duty members could workout with their children.

She believes that "fitness is equally important for spouses" as it is for military personnel. She's also a volunteer coordinator for the family support center's moms and tots program and plans to bring her group to this innovative room.

"A future goal for our parent and tot room is to replace the low-level wall with a full-size safety glass for a total view of the children's play area," said Master Sgt. John Lilly, Commando Fitness Center NCO in charge.

dio workout and watch their children play on soft-sided building blocks, or stay entertained with a family-friendly DVD movie.

"We hope the parent and tot room will benefit the patrons at Hurlburt Field and throughout our surrounding community," said Staff Sgt. Tamara Rosa, Commando Fitness Center assistant NCO in charge.

"However, we need to emphasize that parents must watch their own children and obey posted rules for both safety and legal reasons."

Paula Shepherd, one of the room's first visitors, appreciates the new parent and tot room and even made a recommendation through the Commander's Line for a place where spouses of



# Operation NIGHTHAWK: Detection, deterrence for war on drugs

**By Jerry Jones**  
*Drug Demand Reduction Program*

During the early morning hours Aug. 28, under the cover of darkness – when most Special Operations missions occur – Hurlburt Field leadership engaged an unseen enemy in a different type of mission.

There were no mobility lines, deployment orders or aircraft takeoff times. There was, however, an order signed by Col. O.G. Mannon, 16th Special Operations Wing commander, to execute the first ever Operation NIGHTHAWK mission.

Operation NIGHTHAWK is a detection and deterrence tool used in

the war on drugs to prevent their use and entry onto the installation. It potentially targets any active-duty military member entering the base between certain hours for urinalysis.

It doesn't matter if a member is on a temporary duty assignment from another base or from another service; if they enter the installation between the pre-designated hours of the operation, they're subject to urinalysis.

This tool is used in conjunction with other detection and deterrence tools such as: dormitory sweeps, unit sweeps or random urinalysis.

As the installation commander, Colonel Mannon has the authority to direct the inspection pursuant to

Military Rule of Evidence 313(b). He personally checked the identifications of every member entering the installation through the main gate. He was assisted at the main gate by Col. Skip Day, 16th Mission Support Group commander, Chief Master Sgt. Richard Small, 16th SOW command chief and Master Sgt. David Miles, 16th Mission Support Squadron first sergeant.

Individuals entering the east gate were met by Colonel Timothy Hale, 16th SOW vice commander, and Senior Master Sgt. DeAndre Latham, 16th Helicopter Maintenance Squadron first sergeant, and issued order-to-go letters. All military mem-

bers were directed to the Deployment Control Center with a signed order to submit a urine specimen for drug testing.

This was a major collaborative operation between the 16th Security Forces Squadron, Air Force Office of Special Investigations Detachment 309, Hurlburt First Sergeants, the Drug Demand and Reduction personnel, Maj. Richard Neal, 16th SFS commander and Capt. Mark Walsh, 16th SFS designated on-scene commander.

The 16th SOW Staff Judge Advocate Lt. Col. Nancy Richards and several attorneys were on hand at

*See NIGHTHAWK, page 6*

## 'Unsung heroes' get their due

**By Staff Sgt. Chris Jordan**  
*Public Affairs*

"When you think of unsung heroes, you think about working late hours, fixing broken parts, filing records, young troops working overseas or filling sandbags for a hurricane," said Col. O.G. Mannon, 16th Special Operations Wing commander.

"Everyone here works at a higher operations tempo than anywhere else. We do more work with fewer people every day," he said. "That is what this is all about. Recognizing the individuals who are working hard day-in and day-out to ensure mission success."

With that, Hurlburt Field Chapter 398 of the Air Force Association recognized 11 unsung heroes in a ceremony at the Soundside club Aug. 26. Ten enlisted Airmen and one civilian were those recognized for their outstanding contributions to the Hurlburt Field mission.

Tech. Sgt. Sheila Glover, 19th Special Operations Squadron aviation management specialist, was recognized for supervising five flight management personnel and four orderly room specialists while the NCO in charge was absent. She was also noted for processing all flight management and orderly-room transactions for 48 personnel and more than 300 students. She also voluntarily filled in for the commander's secretary and first sergeant during their absences.

Tech. Sgt. Steven McJunkins, 16th Operations Group evaluator loadmaster was also noted as an unsung hero. He authored a refueling program for all Air Force Special Operations Command deployed C-130 variants. He also implemented a \$45,000 revitalization project that transformed an out-dated flight tracking system, saving the Air Force more than \$15,000.

Staff Sgt. Clara Gonzales, 16th Operations

Support Squadron intelligence specialist, was recognized for managing all aspects of a 50 percent deployment rate within her flight, despite the absence of both the officer and NCO in charge. She also oversaw the reduction of overdue ancillary training requirements for a 48-member flight from 60 to 15 percent.

**Staff Sgt. Clara Gonzales**

Staff Sgt. William Olds III, 9th Special Operations Squadron instructor loadmaster and mission scheduler, was recognized for managing the squadron's 2,480 hour flying-hour program for nine MC-130P aircraft worth \$675 million. While deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism, he initiated threat avoidance procedures defeating anti-aircraft engagements, saving eight crewmembers and \$75 million in aircraft assets.

Staff Sgt. Cynthia Porras, 16th Medical Operations Squadron public health journeyman, orchestrated the occupational health program. As a result, the medical exam compliance rate increased from 65 percent to an all-time high of 92 percent. Sergeant Porras also re-engineered the hearing conservation program enabling approximately 4,000 exams to be completed with a no-show rate reduced from 35 percent to 2 percent.

Staff Sgt. Chad Pursifull, 16th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, AC-130U flying crew chief, was directly responsible for all maintenance accomplished on 13 assigned AC-130U Gunships valued at \$2.47 billion. He also volunteered 25 off-duty hours working at the Bob Hope Village helping to improve living conditions for enlisted widows.

Staff Sgt. Latina Sabb, 16th Medical Group NCO in charge, commander's support staff,

**Staff Sgt. Latina Sabb**

ron weapons team member, ensured a 100 percent gunfire rate for the first quarter of 2004. He also dedicated more than 137 hours performing with the Hurlburt Field Honor Guard, representing the wing at more than 30 ceremonies.

Airman 1st Class William Benkart, 16th Equipment Maintenance Squadron line delivery crewmember, effortlessly delivered more than 500,000 munitions in support of 30 C-130s, 16 PAVE LOW helicopters, and 3 Hueys. On his off time, He serves as a Cub Scout day-camp counselor.

**Airman 1st Class William Benkart**

Airman 1st Class Woodrow Ruff, 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron inventory management specialist, was recognized for assisting in identifying 15 unserviceable ISU-90 mobility bins. He requested and replaced \$217,000 in bins, allowing seven mobility readiness spare package segments to be deployment-ready for contingency and humanitarian missions.

Howard Taylor, 16th Civil Engineer Squadron supervisory engineering technician, received the award for his management of the demolition of six facilities valued at \$194,000 and his oversight of a \$350,000 base security upgrade. He's actively involved at Navarre United Methodist Church and serves as president of the Pensacola Rodtiques.

**Senior Airman Angel Gonzales**

**Airman 1st Class Woodrow Ruff**

**Staff Sgt. William Olds III**

**Staff Sgt. Chad Pursifull**

**Staff Sgt. Cynthia Porras**

**Tech. Sgt. Steven McJunkins**

**Tech. Sgt. Sheila Glover**

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The 505th CCW, whose mission involves training, testing, experimenting and evaluating operational-level command and control systems and procedures, is enthusiastic about acquiring the \$38.2 million properly sized and configured facilities, said Captain Evans.

"This unit outgrew the 1950's era, converted BOMARC missile hangar facilities, it currently occupies, more than five years ago," Captain Evans said. "(Since then, we've) had to rely upon rental trailers, modular facilities and other temporary facilities to continue our mission."

Gen. (Michael) Ryan, then Chief of Staff of the Air Force, declared the Air and Space Operations Center a weapons system in September 2000.

Before breaking ground for the new facilities, Maj. Gen. Stephen Wood, Air Warfare Center commander, stepped forward to further emphasize the necessity for the AOC.

"We can't execute today's air campaign without the AOC," General Wood said. "To make AOCs, we must have professional command and control warriors who develop the plan, then execute that plan. We must have a place for them to train. The way I look at it, the air war is a symphony. The bombers are the percussion, the C2 and ISR are the woodwinds and the fighters are the brass. The key to making music with these instruments is the AOC as the conductor."

Following the general's speech, Captain Evans asked Col. Chuck McGuirk, 505th CCW commander, Col. O.G. Mannon, 16th Special Operations Wing commander, Col. Andy Mueller, 505th TRG commander, and Colonel Beagle to initiate the ground breaking for the new facilities.

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to perform the mission, although trust wouldn't come automatically.

"It's more important to have trust than to worry about someone leaking information," he said. "If we went to war today, trust between SOF and regular forces would be manufactured. It wouldn't be a natural product."

General Horner also addressed improvements made in Desert Storm by allowing Air Force SOF to enter the war for ground operations.

"During the war, there was a threat of guerilla forces," he said. "Gen. (Norman) Schwarzkopf didn't originally want Air Force SOF to go deep into the war," he said. "However, they needed to coordinate training and step in to rescue. So, they were sent north of the area to look for scud missiles and work with F-15's. This allowed them to unofficially enter the war."

The General also touched on the importance of training all SOF with F-15/16's when preparing for ground-rescue operations.

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each location to advise the commanders on legal issues and remained on site until the last individual left the DCC. Assisting attorneys were Captains Jeremy Anderson, Stephan Piel, Kris White and 1st Lt. Shayla McNeill.

In early 2004, Colonel Mannon directed Operation NIGHTHAWK planning, as he had seen similar programs accomplished at other installations. Operation NIGHTHAWK also supports a letter recently sent to all commanders within Air Force Special Operations Command from Lt. Gen. Mike Wooley, AFSOC commander.

General Wooley told commanders "...the undetected presence of drugs among the troops is a hidden threat. Rather than waiting for the threat to surface, you must be diligent in your efforts to uncover it."

In fact, this year alone, 20 Hurlburt Field personnel have tested positive for the following illegal drugs: Cocaine (eight), Methamphetamine (two), Marijuana (eight) and Codeine without valid prescriptions (two).

In an area where illicit drugs are readily available to anyone looking, we can no longer allow this unseen enemy to breach our gates.

Moreover, in the environment we're asked to operate in and defend, even one positive is too many. Prevention isn't just a Drug Demand Reduction Program issue.

It must become every Commando's responsibility. Any information concerning a member's drug use should be brought to the attention of supervisors, first sergeants, commanders or OSI.

There "will be other" Operation NIGHTHAWK missions at a time and place of the wing commander's choosing. Random testing and unit sweep testing will increase, along with the use of all the other tools available to fight this enemy.

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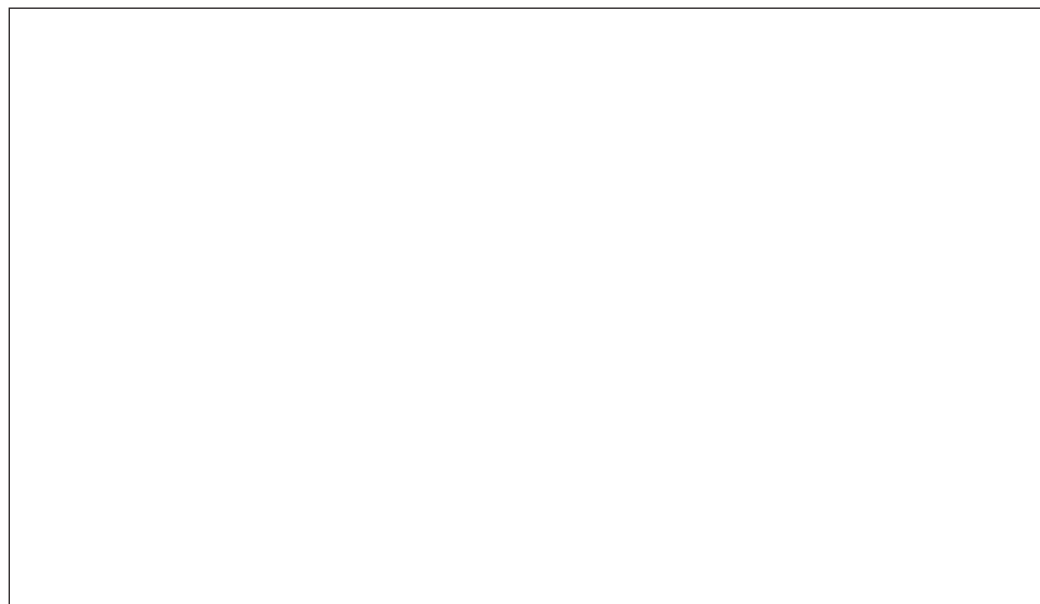


Photo by Airman 1st Class Kimberly Gilligan

### ***Pledge of allegiance***

Tech. Sgt. Tom Mazzone, 8th Special Operations Squadron, and Ceremony Officiator Capt. Scott Fowler, 8th SOS, stand at parade rest during Sergeant Mazzone's re-enlistment ceremony Aug. 25 in front of the 16th Special Operations Wing headquarters. Sergeant Mazzone, an evaluator loadmaster for MC-130E Combat Talons, chose to re-enlist during the sounding of Retreat to re-affirm his allegiance to the Air Force and the country. Sergeant Mazzone was accompanied by Lt. Col. Dan Zook, 8th SOS commander and his father Tom Mazzone.

## Wild animals need to remain wild

**By Philip Pruitt**  
16th CES

During the last 200 years, development of areas that were previously natural has resulted in the loss of habitat for wild creatures at an ever-increasing pace.

In fact, Hurlburt Field is surrounded on three sides by a large wilderness and the East Bay Swamp, which is a haven for many species of wildlife. Two such creatures are the Florida black bear and the American alligator.

Black bears and alligators aren't uncommon in our area; in fact, most ponds and many of the larger ditches on Hurlburt Field contain a resident alligator. A series of ditches and canals interconnect most of the wetlands on base with the swamp to our north, providing a network of pathways for alligators to travel. Floridians have learned to co-exist well with alligators, although the potential for conflict always exists.

Alligators are large predatory animals, but under natural conditions avoid contact with humans. Feeding alligators may seem harmless, but it can be deadly for humans and alligators alike.

When alligators receive handouts from humans, they overcome their natural shyness and start to associate people with food. Alligators are reptiles with small brains and don't have the cognitive ability to distinguish between the person tossing them the food item and the item itself; they simply begin to associate the human form with a source of food.

This is an extremely dangerous situation,

not to mention it's a second-degree misdemeanor, punishable by six months in jail and a \$500 fine. Alligators that are identified as exhibiting characteristics associated with having been fed by people are required to be destroyed; they can't be relocated. If you see an alligator, enjoy the experience from a safe distance.

The Florida black bear is another large and powerful animal that shares our natural environment. Black bears aren't normally aggressive toward people, and there has never been a documented attack on a person by a bear in Florida.

The number of bears venturing onto Hurlburt Field has continued to increase in recent years. These bears don't represent a safety concern for the base community, as long as some common sense rules are followed: Don't approach a bear; don't try to attract a bear by offering it food; if you're uncomfortable with your proximity to a bear, make some noise, whistle or clap so it knows you're present, but don't try to scare the bear; and restrain pets from approaching a bear.

Facility managers should make sure everyone in their organization knows to keep dumpster lids and doors securely closed. During the last two years, Hurlburt Field has had several instances of bears becoming regular nighttime visitors to certain dumpsters. When bears are attracted to urban areas by food, they often lose their natural wariness and become much more likely to get into trouble or be killed crossing a busy street.

Report bear sightings to 16th Civil Engineer Squadron at 884-4651.

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**By Vanessa Adame**  
*Public Affairs*

From supporting war-time operations to providing quality-of-life programs for military members and their families, the 16th Services Squadron is in the business of customer service.

The squadron provides combat support and community services to the Air Force Special Operations Command at Hurlburt Field.

From maintaining award-winning food service operations to keeping business operations functioning smoothly, the 16th SVS prides itself on providing top-notch service to its military and external customers. The services squadron, which is comprised of 92 service members and 357 civilian members, makes morale a top priority by establishing welfare and recreational programs to help keep spirits high whether on base or deployed.

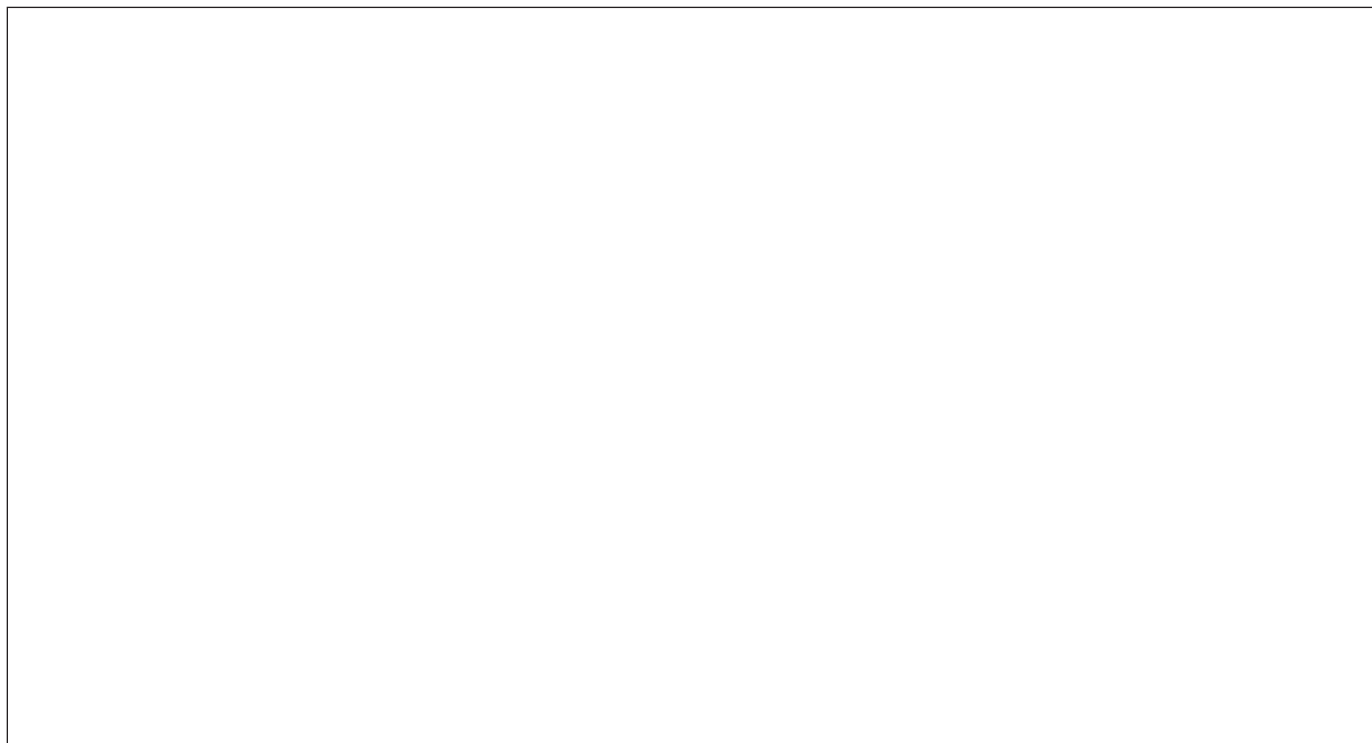
This year, the 16th SVS deployed 13 percent of its assigned military personnel in support of operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Primary support included planning and implementing fitness programs, food service and leisure time activities.

Annual events have become a Services hallmark at Hurlburt Field, such as the H2Olympics, Fall Festival, Travel Expo, the Commando Cruise-In and the annual Christmas tree lighting. The Sound of Independence, the annual Fourth of July celebration, is one of the largest events hosted by the 16th SVS squadron drawing over 20,000 participants from our local and military community.

On a smaller scale, but producing the same morale-boosting effects, are quarterly events known as monotony meals held at dining facilities on base. The themed meals are designed to break the monotony of everyday Air Force dining by creating an unexpected environment, through decoration, games and entertainment.

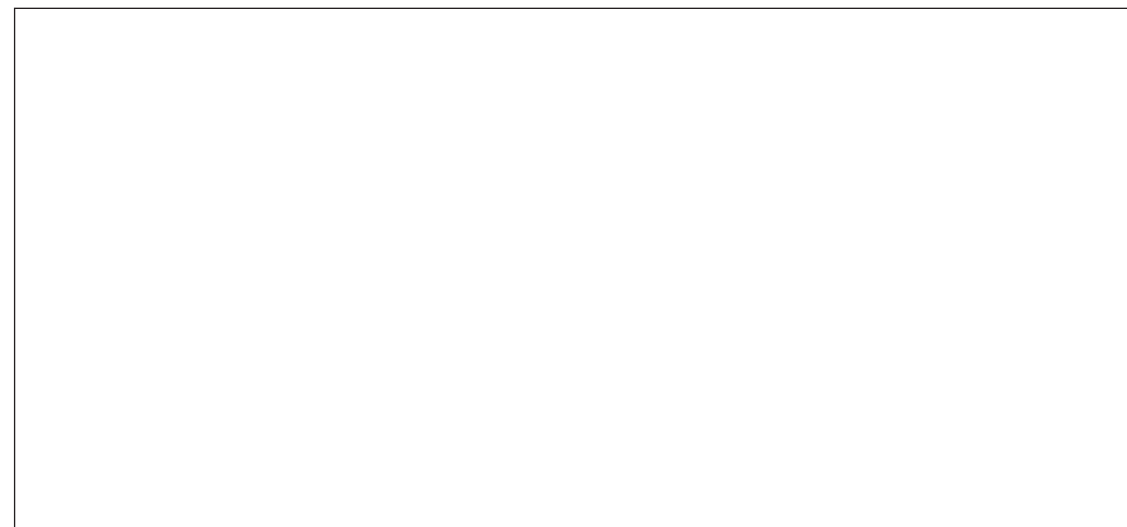
The Hurlburt Field Child Development Center, a division of 16th SVS family member programs flight, was recently named best in the Air Force for the second consecutive year, proving that service is really top-notch all across the squadron. Perhaps that achievement can be attributed to the 16th SVS goal statement which insists supervisors surpass previous squadron goals, keep upgrading facilities and never settle for "status quo."

In keeping with a goal statement, the 16th SVS recently opened a first-of-its-kind combined dining facility and fitness center with state-of-the-art equipment. Community Park improvements this



Photos courtesy of the 16th Services Squadron

**On a hot day, children enjoy the new interactive fountain at the Community Park. The fountain was part of the 16th Services Squadron's effort to keep with the goal statement, which includes continuous facility upgrades.**



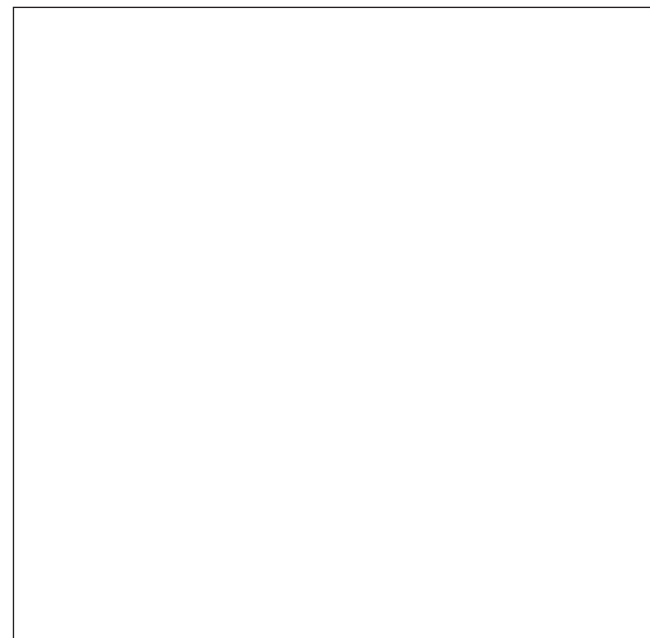
**Guests participate in the American flag parade during the Sound of Independence, one of the largest events hosted by the 16th SVS.**

year also included the addition of batting cages and an interactive water fountain.

The latest upgrade has been the addition of a parent and toddler room inside the Commando Fitness Center, which allows parents to watch their children while they work-out. According to squadron supervisors, the 16th SVS facilities will continue to upgrade facilities in an effort to provide the best experience for patrons.

The 16th SVS is comprised of a command section and five flights. The Combat Support Flight includes military food service, fitness centers, lodging, the library, readiness and honor guard. The Resource Management Flight provides financial, logistical and information technology oversight. The Business Operations Flight operates the clubs, golf course, bowling center and snack bars.

One of the largest flights is the Community Support Flight and includes outdoor recreation, skills development, base pool, marina and ticket and tours. The Family Member Programs Flight encompasses the child development center, family child care, and youth programs.



**A 16th SVS staff member at the child development center plays in the sand area with some of the pre-kindergarten children.**



## Community

### Clinic closures, changes

The 16th Medical Group will be closed today and Monday in observance of Labor Day. Normal clinic operations will resume Tuesday at 7 a.m. Also, now in effect, the 16th MDG operation hours will begin at 8 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to facilitate participation in the Air Force fitness program. However, the dental clinic will continue to open at 7 a.m.

### Munitions storage closure

The munitions storage area is closed through Sept. 10 in order to conduct a 100 percent semi-annual inventory *IAW AFI 21-201, paragraph 21.3.1*. Only emergency issue requests signed by the group commander *IAW AFI 21-201, paragraph 21.2.3* will be accepted during the inventory. This won't affect the flying schedule or munitions support for aircraft. For more information, call Munitions Operations at 884-2747/2004.

### Riptide closure

The Riptide Dining Facility and Fitness Center will be closed Sept. 11–26 in support of a base exercise. All personnel are asked to use the dining facilities and fitness centers located on the west side of base.

### Motorcycle range closure

Because the Permanent Exercise Facility will be closed for other scheduled users this month, the motorcycle training range won't be accessible. Motorcycle rider training will resume in October, when the exercise facility is available.

Motorcycle operators are reminded *IAW AFI 91-207, military personnel will not operate a motorcycle on or off base without motorcycle safety foundation training*. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Gary Gist at 884-2614.

### POW/MIA ceremony

Team Hurlburt is invited to the Air Park Sept. 14 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. to honor prisoners of war/missing in action recognition day and the 57th anniversary of the U.S. Air Force. The uniform for the ceremony is short-sleeve blues for military personnel.

### Hispanic Heritage Month

The military equal opportunity office is seeking volunteers to assist in organizing, preparing and supporting Hispanic Heritage Month events from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15. Meetings are Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. in the MEO conference room. The following is the current heritage month calendar of events:

#### Wednesday: Hispanic Heritage Month

Proclamation signing, 2 p.m. at the wing staff meeting

**Sept. 15:** Kickoff luncheon – 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Soundside club, \$11 for club members/\$13 for non-members

**Sept. 24:** Hispanic luncheon – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Reef dining facility  
Dance lessons – 5 to 7 p.m. at the 823rd REDHORSE Squadron auditorium

**Oct. 1:** Prayer breakfast – 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at the base chapel

**Oct. 7:** Youth Cultural Day – 1 to 2 p.m. at the child development center

**Oct. 8:** Dance lessons – 5 to 7 p.m. at the 823rd REDHORSE Squadron auditorium

**Oct. 15:** Family Festival – 3 to 9 p.m. at the Soundside grounds

For more information, call 1st Lt. Angel Lugo at 884-8209 or Staff Sgt. Bill White at 884-5879.

### 4th Annual Freedom Run

The 4th Annual Freedom Run to benefit the families of fallen heroes will be held Sept. 12. The riders will meet at Heritage Cycles in Fort Walton Beach at 8:30 a.m. and leave at 10 a.m. They will then proceed to the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Pensacola and return to Heritage Cycles to award door prizes and enjoy fellowship. There's a \$7 minimum donation per person. For more information, call Jim Parker at 682-9860.

### 16th LRS support

The customer service section, located in Building 90710, is the primary point of contact for all supply-related problems or complaints. Customers can reach the office at 884-3531. Customer service is the issue call in point for all non-aircraft related organizations. For C-130 maintenance units, call the flight line support section at 884-1906. For helicopter maintenance units, call the Helo Parts Store at 881-4101.

### Manpower needs Airmen

The 16th Special Operations Wing Manpower and Organization Office is currently seeking motivated career senior airmen, staff sergeants and technical sergeants for cross training into the Manpower 3U0X1 career field. The Manpower career field incorporates process improvements to the ways duties are accomplished, organizational structure, determining how many people a unit needs to perform the mission and performance management. For eligibility to cross train, contact personnel employments at the military personnel flight. If eligible and interested in a rewarding career, call 1st Lt. Louis Carvin at 884-6787.

### FSU home games

Information, tickets and travel is offering day trips to Florida State University home games in Tallahassee. Cost is \$55 per person for a game ticket and round-trip bus transportation. Full payment is required at booking. For more information, call ITT at 884-7848.

### Blood drive

The Hurlburt Field chapter of the American Red Cross will hold a blood drive Sept. 22 at the base chapel from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Matthew Kent at 884-4947.

### Childcare relocation

Effective immediately, the family child care office has moved from the community center/teen club, Building 90337, into a housing unit behind the Hurlburt Field Child Development Center at 4 Clark Road. The new phone number is 581-1207.

### PME testing

The education office will open another testing window on the following dates for Professional Military Education testing only: Wednesday, Sept. 15 and Sept. 29. For more information or to schedule a test, call 884-6724.

### Air Force TV and Radio News



To check out Air Force TV or Radio News visit:  
<http://af.feedroom.com> or [www.af.mil/news](http://www.af.mil/news) and click on TV or radio to find out what's happening around the Air Force.

### Hurlburt Field Chapel



**Catholic Mass**  
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday, 7:15 and 10 a.m.  
**Confessions:** Saturday, 4:30 to 5 p.m., or by request  
**Youth:** 5 p.m. Sunday  
**Religious Education:** September–May

#### Protestant Services

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. (Traditional worship)

11:30 a.m. (Contemporary worship)

**Religious Education:** August–May

**Youth and Singles groups available**

**Jewish Services** (882-2111)

**Sabbath services:** Friday, 7:30 p.m., Eglin Chapel Center

**Muslim Services** (882-2111), Eglin Chapel Center

**Jumuah:** Friday, 12:45 p.m.

**For more information, call 884-7795**

## At the movies



**Prices are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. Movies start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.**

### Hurlburt Field 884-7648

**Friday and Sunday – (PG-13) *Catwoman***, starring Halle Berry and Sharon Stone – Patience Philips seems destined to spend her life apologizing for taking up space. This comes to a screeching halt when she inadvertently becomes a human guinea pig for the revolutionary anti-aging product Hedare and not only lands herself in the middle of a corporate conspiracy of gargantuan proportions, but on the city police force's most wanted list. Equipped with a new feline prowess, Patience is a different person come nighttime, more accurately, a Catwoman.

**Saturday – (PG) *A Cinderella Story***, starring Hilary Duff and Jennifer Coolidge – Samantha lives at the beck and call of her self-obsessed stepmother Fiona and her sinfully wicked stepsisters. She finds her less-than-sparkling social life wonderfully complicated when she meets her Prince Charming online. Her anonymous cyber soul mate turns out to be Austin, her high school's quarterback. Fearing rejection, Sam dodges Austin's efforts to discover the identity of his princess.

### Eglin 882-1066

**Friday and Sunday – (PG-13) *The Bourne Supremacy***, starring Matt Damon and Franka Potente – When a Chinese vice-premier is executed by notorious assassin Jason Bourne, it causes serious trouble and hubbub in the CIA. Why? There's no "Jason Bourne," as that name is just a cover for CIA agent David Webb. So, it appears that someone has taken the "Bourne Identity" away from him, creating a diplomatic crisis between the United States and China.

**Saturday – (PG) *Thunderbirds***, starring Bill Paxton and Ben Kingsley – When dangerous situations exceed the limitations of ordinary military and international security forces, the world calls upon the high-tech assistance of International Rescue – a mysterious band of fearless adventurer and their fleet of awesome, imaginatively engineered vehicles known as: Thunderbirds.

**(Editor's note: Movies are subject to change. Telephone numbers are provided for patrons to confirm dates.)**

## Order of the Sword

Air Force Special Operations Command enlisted Airmen will induct Gen. Paul Hester, former AFSOC commander, into the Order of the Sword Nov. 5 at the Emerald Coast Conference Center. The general will be recognized for his contributions to the enlisted men and women of AFSOC. Tickets will go on sale for the induction ceremony, which is an enlisted-only event, Wednesday.

## Free childcare

With the Returning Home Care Program, Airmen who are returning home from a 30-day or longer deployment in direct support of the Global War on Terrorism are entitled to 16 hours of free child care per child. For more information on this program and other family childcare programs, call Carol Carter or Trish Barrett at 581-1207.

## AFROTC board move

The Air Education and Training Command moved the Air Force Reserve Officer's Training Corps 2005 candidate board from September to November 2004. AETC also has made five additional universities available for colonels and colonel selects to compete for AFROTC detachment commanders in 2005. For application information, visit <https://www.dp.hq.af.mil/afslmo/afslmocm>.

## Veteran's Day parade

The City of Mary Esther will host its sixth annual Veteran's Day parade Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. Its one-mile route begins in front of Santa Rosa mall and proceeds to a short portion of U.S. Highway 98, ending at the Target department store. There's no entry fee to participate. For registration information, call Laura Aldrich at 243-3566, extension 11.

## Native American History Month

November is Native American History Month. The military equal opportunity office invites volunteers to

assist in organizing, preparing, and supporting events for the observance period. For more information, call Master Sgt. Dexter Coburn 884-2631.

## Classes

### 'Boat Smart' class

A free five-week "Boat Smart" class is planned for Mondays from Sept. 13 through Oct. 11 at 7-9 p.m. at the Anchorage building, 404 Green Acres Road, Fort Walton Beach. Registration will be at 6:30 p.m. the first night of class. The class covers safe boat handling, good seamanship, rules of the road, aids to navigation and local boating laws. Class instruction is free; course materials are \$30. For more information, call 897-6468.

### Dog obedience class

Outdoor recreation offers a six-week dog obedience class starting Tuesday from 5 to 6 p.m. for dogs who are at least four months old. Classes are held at the picnic grounds. Cost is \$60 per dog. The first session is reserved for owners only and requires the dog's current shot records and payment. For more information, call outdoor recreation at 884-6939.

### HAWC classes

To reserve a seat in the following health and wellness center classes or for more information, call 884-4292. All classes are free of charge and held in Building 90232.

**Healthy Living Workshop** – Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.

**Eating Heart Healthy** – Tuesday, 1:30 a.m.

**Fitness 101** – Tuesday, 3 p.m. and Wednesday, 2:30 p.m.

**Total Fitness Enhancement** –Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.

**Lean and Healthy Eating** – Wednesday, 1 p.m.

**Fitness for Kids** – Wednesday, 3:30 p.m.

**Healthy Weight for Kids** – Wednesday, 4 p.m.

**Diabetic Nutrition** – Thursday, 9 a.m.

**Diabetic Fitness** – Thursday, 10:30 a.m.

**Lean On Me** – Thursday, 11 a.m.

## Week in History

*The following is a list of extraordinary events that occurred this week in military history:*

**Aug. 29, 1990** – An Air Force C-5, carrying supplies destined for the Gulf theater, crashed on take-off from Ramstein Air Base, Germany. Thirteen persons were killed and four injured.

**Aug. 30, 1960** – The first Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile squadron became fully operational.

**Aug. 31, 1932** – Air Corps pilots flew five miles above the earth's surface to photograph an eclipse of the sun.

**Sept. 1, 1953** – The U.S. Air Force announced the first instance of aerial refueling of jet-powered aircraft by jet-powered aircraft, in which a standard B-47 Stratojet received fuel in the air from a KB-47B Stratojet.

**Sept. 2, 1977** – The first class of women pilots graduated at Williams Air Force Base, Ariz.

**Sept. 3, 1996** – The 11th Reconnaissance Squadron became the first Air Force unit to operate the Predator, an unmanned aerial vehicle designed for aerial surveillance and reconnaissance.

**Sept. 4, 1922** – First U.S. transcontinental air crossing made within a single day.

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# AFSOC rifleman shoots new competition record

By Staff Sgt. Chris Jordan  
Public Affairs

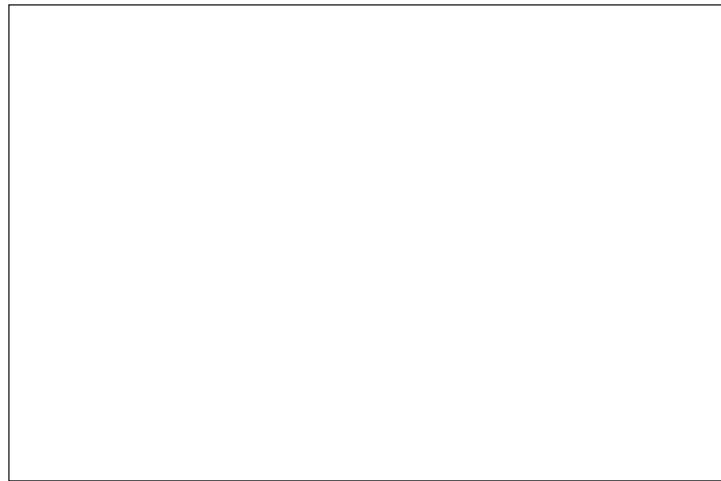
A high power rifle national record was recently broken after almost 40 years.

Chief Master Sgt. William Walter, Air Force Special Operations Command operations directorate and superintendent of weapons and tactics, was the first Air Force member since the 1960s to achieve the record during the annual National Rifle Championship in Camp Perry, Ohio Aug. 16.

As a member of the U.S. Air Force High Power Rifle Team, Chief Walter also recently competed in the Interservice Rifle Championship held at Quantico Marine Corps Base, Va.

It was at Camp Perry, firing the .308 caliber Palma rifle, where Sergeant Walter broke the 800, 900 and 1,000-yard match record once held by a member of the U.S. Army marksmanship unit.

Chief Walter also received the silver medal denoting the top five percent in the National Trophy individual match, fourth overall in the Palma rifle match, which included the new national record, and fourth overall in the four-day long range championship match.



Courtesy photo  
**Chief Master Sgt. William Walter takes aim with his .308 caliber Palma rifle during the National Rifle Championships in Camp Perry, Ohio.**

There were approximately 1,300 participants in the championship from all five branches of the military and the civilian sector.

At the Interservice Championships, Chief Walter placed third in the 200-yard rapid fire Marine Corps Cup, fourth in the 600 and 1000-yard matches, and third overall in the long range composite.

## Intramural 3-on-3 Standings

Team	Wins	Loss	Pct.
EMS - HG	7	1	.875
LRS 4	7	1	.875
CMS	5	2	.714
MDG	6	3	.667
RHS	6	3	.667
CES 1	5	3	.625
505CCW	5	3	.625
LRS 3	5	3	.625
EMS AGE	5	4	.556
LRS 2	5	4	.556
CES 2	4	4	.500
LRS 1	4	4	.500
25IOS	4	5	.444
SFS	2	6	.250
CPTS	2	7	.222
AMXS	2	7	.222
AMMO	1	7	.125
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## Two-on-three?

By Staff Sgt. Chris Jordan  
Public Affairs

The 16th Logistics Readiness Squadron team one fought an uphill battle against the 16th Comptroller Squadron and won 39-35 during a three-on-three basketball game Aug. 26 at the Aderholt Fitness Center.

With just over six minutes left to play in the game, Charlie Lott, 16th LRS, fouled out, leaving his two teammates to try and protect a four point lead without

any help. This left Chad Hesler and Eric Dommert to take on the five player deep CPTS.

"It was tough," said Hesler, "but our positive outlook kept us in the game and then helped us prevail. Thank God for physical training."

After losing their third player, the LRS went into a defensive posture with one player, Dommert, under the basket to rebound, and one player, Hesler, to defend the outside shot.

"The fact that the other team didn't shoot well down the stretch and we rebounded their misses helped us to keep our composure," said Lott.

## Four!

**Lt. Col. Lu Fowler hits his second shot onto the 18th green during a recent intramural golf championship match Aug. 19. The Air Force Special Operations Command team won the championship for the fourth consecutive year, defeating the number one seeded 505th Command and Control Wing.**

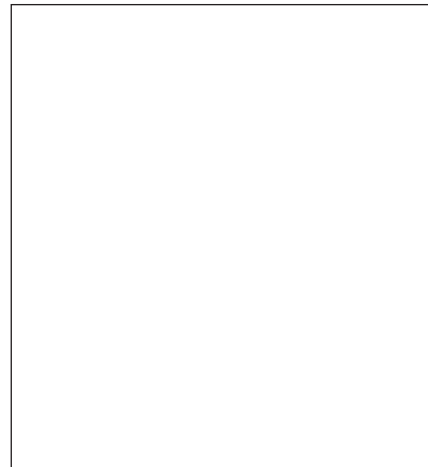


Photo by Tech. Sgt. John Bosworth

## Sports shorts

### H2Olympics 2004

The H2Olympics 2004, a squadron-versus-squadron event, will be held Sept. 10 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in front of the beachside outdoor recreation building. Team events include a water tug-of-war; canoe, kayak and jet ski races; and "mystery" relay races. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., a \$5 lunch will be available at the Fall Fish Fry. Menu includes fried fish filets, hushpuppies, coleslaw, baked beans and a soft drink or water. Sign up through your unit sports representative or call outdoor recreation at 884-6939.

### Doolittle golf tournament

A two-day tournament open to all players is scheduled Oct. 14-15 at the Eglin Golf Course. The entry fee includes green fee, cart fee, refreshments on the course, door-prize tickets, lunch for both days and a hors d'oeuvres party ending each day.

Registration forms are available at local golf courses, or for more information, call Dave Andrews at 651-1314.

### Start smart soccer

Registration for Start Smart Soccer, an introductory soccer program for children ages 3 to 5 years old, continues through Sept. 15.

The weekly session will be held Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. at the Commando Fitness Center. The first of the six weekly sessions begin with parents-only training in the health and wellness center training room.

The subsequent five sessions will be parent and child one-on-one instruction, teaching the basic fundamentals and motor skills of soccer that will prepare children for eventual play in organized leagues. Cost is \$25 per parent-child couple.

For more information, call the youth center at 884-6355.

### Men's varsity basketball

Men's varsity basketball tryouts are scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday at the Aderholt Fitness Center. For more information, contact your unit sports representatives or call Christopher Myers at 884-6884.

### Football day trips

Day trips are available for two Florida State University football games in Tallahassee. Game ticket and round-trip bus transportation will cost \$55 per person. The available games will be the University of Alabama-Birmingham versus FSU Sept. 18 and Clemson versus FSU Sept. 25. Full payment is required upon booking; at least 25 people are required for day trips. For more information, call 884-7848.

### Hockey registration

Signups for intramural roller hockey continue through Thursday. Pick-up games will be played every Friday and Sunday until the league games begin. Players need to bring their own gear to play. For more information call Staff Sgt. Jason Davis at 884-7660 or John Hauser at 884-0440.

### Intramural horseshoes

Unit horseshoe leagues will start Sept. 14. For more information, call 884-6884.